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Summary

The present document contains the quarterly report on the situation of gratis personnel during the period from 1 October 1999 to 31 December 1999.

I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution, with a view to ensuring compliance with its provisions.

2. The present report updates previous quarterly reports (A/52/709 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/43, A/C.5/52/51, A/C.5/52/56, A/53/715, A/C.5/53/54, A/C.5/53/59, A/53/1028 and A/54/533) and covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999.

II. Quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999

3. During the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999, there was a reduction from 98 to 18 type II gratis personnel.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations/ Field Administration and Logistics Division had six type II gratis personnel on board on 1 October 1999. While 3 out of these 6 left during the reporting period, 13 new gratis personnel were accepted for service in Kosovo and 2 for service in East Timor. As of 31 December 1999, 18 type II gratis personnel were serving with the Field Administration and Logistics

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Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

5. In view of the developments in Kosovo, the Secretary-General, in a letter dated 9 June 1999 addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/53/1000), advised the Assembly of his intention to approve the request of the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 to identify specialized personnel for multifaceted investigation teams. These teams were to perform specialized functions in crime scene examinations, ballistic and explosives assessment, weapons and munitions identification, evidence-gathering and ethnic cleansing assessment. All of the 92 forensic investigators with specialized field expertise who were working for the International Tribunal on 1 October 1999 completed their duties on or before 31 December 1999, as indicated in table 1.

III. Gratis personnel

A. Type I gratis personnel

6. Table 2 provides data on type I gratis personnel who serve under an established regime. These are the interns, associate experts, technical cooperation experts obtained by non-reimbursable loan and gratis personnel serving with the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) (see A/51/688/Add.2, para. 4, and A/51/688/Add.3, para. 3). The total for each category as at 30 September 1999 is compared with the numbers contained in previous reports of the Secretary-General. Prior to 1999, associate experts and technical cooperation experts were not recorded in the Integrated Management Information System and were reported separately. Therefore, the increase in their number may be partly owing to incomplete reporting in previous periods. Also, the fact that databases for interns and UNSCOM staff were recently readjusted and synchronized with IMIS repaired some previous under-reporting.

B. Type II gratis personnel

7. Finally, table 3 shows nationalities and functions performed for the type II personnel remaining on board after 31 December 1999.

Abbreviations used in the table

DPKO/FALD Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Field Administration and Logistics Division

ICTFY International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

UNMIK United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

UNTAET United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Table 1
Quarterly report on the number of engagements and separations of type II gratis personnel
(1 October-31 December 1999)

Department or office	*Number as at 30 September 1999*	*Number engaged in October*	*Number separated in October*	*Number as at 31 October 1999*	*Number engaged in November*	*Number separated in November*	*Number as at 30 November 1999*	*Number engaged in December*	*Number separated in December*	*Number as at 31 December 1999*
DPKO/FALD	6	10	0	16	5	0	21	0	3	18
ICTFY	92	0	33	59	0	9	50	0	50	0

Table 2
Evolution of type I gratis personnel

As at	*Interns*	*Associate experts*[a]	*Technical cooperation experts*[b]	*UNSCOM*[c]	*Total*
31 October 1996	131	76	31	112	350
30 September 1997	195	72	32	109	408
30 September 1998	214	115	31	18	378
31 December 1998	30	274	32	36	372
31 March 1999	122	295	29	30	476
30 June 1999	316	317	25	26	684
30 September 1999	289	314	18	25	646
31 December 1999	39	245	16	24	324

[a] 200 series.
[b] See ST/AI/231/Rev.1.
[c] See S/22508.

Table 3
Functions performed by type II gratis personnel in service, by department or office
(as at 31 December 1999)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Field Administration and Logistics Division

Country of nationality	*Function*	*Number of persons*	*Duration of engagement*	*Service location (mission)*
Australia	Water and sanitation expert	1	Under 1 year	UNTAET
Australia	Head of electricity and power supply service	1	Under 1 year	UNTAET
Cuba	Medical Officer	11	Under 1 year	UNMIK
Switzerland	Civil affairs officer	4	Under 1 year	UNMIK
Switzerland	Finance officer	1	Under 1 year	UNMIK